

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0012] with the following amended paragraph:

[0012] Additional benefits of the configuration of the edge guard **30** include the following elements as illustrated for the first and second attaching members **32, 34** in Figures 2 - 5. The attaching members **32, 34** are separated along their lengths by a gap (see Fig. 3), aligned bent along a midline **36** axis originating at an interior corner junction of the ledge first and second surfaces **24", 26"**. Each attaching member **32, 34** originates at respective base ends **32', 34'**, and each attaching member is separately bendable along each length relative to the midline **36**, to provide an angle of separation **28** that allows each attaching member **32, 34** to cover a range of angled intersections **18** of respective corner edges of walls **20, 20'**, thereby protecting each corner edge from cart impacts directed toward a lower portion of the intersection of walls **20, 20'**. The first attaching member **32** is generally elongated in a longitudinal or lengthwise orientation and extends from the base end **32'** to a distal end **36'** for a length of between about ten six inches to about twenty inches. The second attaching member **34** is generally elongated in a longitudinal orientation and extends from the base end **34'** to a distal end **36"** for a length of about six inches to about twenty inches. A preferred length for the first and second attaching members **32, 34** is about eighteen inches from the respective base ends **32', 34'** to the respective distal ends **36', 36"**.

Please replace paragraph [0013] with the following amended paragraph:

[0013] A preferred angle of orientation between the respective interior surfaces of the side members **32**, **34**, and between the respective interior surfaces **24'''**, **26'''** of the tile cover side segments **24**, **26**, is approximately ninety degrees as illustrated at **28** in Figure 3. Alternate angles of orientation can be readily provided for covering side walls intersecting at a junction that is less than or greater than a ninety angle. The first and second attaching members **32**, **34** are extended longitudinally above the ledge first and second surfaces **24''**, **26''**. The first and second attaching members **32**, **34** have a length of between about ten inches to about twenty inches. A preferred length for the each attaching member **32**, **34** is between about six to about eighteen inches in length. The first and second attaching members **32**, **34** are generally rigid and are preferably constructed of a metal having a sufficient thickness to allow bending at relative to the axis along midline **36** in order to modify the angle of orientation **28** of the respective attaching member **32**, **34** to accommodate wall junctions that are curved or that intersect at an angle other than ninety degrees. Alternative materials for the attaching member **32**, **34** can be selected from generally rigid polymeric materials that can be trimmed in length and width. The attaching members **32**, **34** include a plurality of spaced apart connector holes **32''**, **32'''**, **34''**, **34'''**, through which connectors **32'''**, **34'''** are inserted for attaching first attaching member **32** to side wall **20** and for attaching second attaching member **32 34** to side wall **20'**. The width of ~~the~~ each attaching member **32**, **34** is less than the overall width of ledge first and second surfaces **24''**, **26''** as illustrated by the set-back distance **38'** in

Figure 3 of approximately one-half inch to about seven-sixteenths inch from the distal ends of each respective tile cover side segments **24, 26**.